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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE MOVEMENT ON NEW SOVIET CONSTITUTION
PROFESSOR JOHN HAZARD OF COLUMBIA'S RUSSIAN INSTITUTE
1. PROFESSOR JOHN HAZARD OF COLUMBIA'S RUSSIAN INSTITUTE
TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICER RECENTLY OF TWO REPORTS HE HAD
RECEIVED ABOUT THE POSSIBLITIY THAT DRAFT OF NEW
CONSTITUTION WILL BE ON AGENDA FOR THE NEXT PARTY CONGRESS.
ACCORDING TO HAZARD, AN AMERICAN GRADUATE STUDENT AT LENIN-
GRAD, WHO IS WORKING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ROLE OF THE
PROCURATOR IN DEFENDING THE CONSITUTION, INFORMED HIM THAT
HIS FACULTY ADVISER SAID HE HAD SEEN THE DRAFT OF THE NEW
CONSTITUTION WHICH THE FACULTY ADVISER SAID WOULD BE PRE-
SENTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PARTY CONGRESS. HAZARD ALSO
SAID HE HIMSELF HAD A DISCUSSION WITHIN THE PAST COUPLE OF
WEEKS WITH ONE OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR DELEGATES TO THE UN WHO
SAID THAT THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE
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PARTY CONGRESS. ACCORDING TO THE UKRAINIAN, THE CONSTITU-

TION WILL DEFINE THE ROLE OF THE PARTY MORE PRECISELY THAN
IN THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION. HE ADDED ALSO THAT HE THOUGHT
THAT THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE NEW
CUBAN CONSTITUTION, WHICH SOVIET LEGAL SPECIALISTS HAVE
BEEN CAREFULLY STUDYING.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH ADDRES-
SEES MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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